

Baldwin Presbyterian Church Dedicated.

Sunday, October twenty ninth, was an important epoch in the history of the Baldwin Presbyterian church. Fourteen years ago Rev. Baldwin organized a Presbyterian church at Goose Lake, from then until last Sunday the services have been held in the school house southwest of Goose Lake. A year ago under the energetic pastorate of Rev. J. A. Vance the building of a church was begun and Sunday the new building was solemnly dedicated as a place of worship.

The dedicating ceremony was conducted by Dr. Brown, synodical missionary of the Presbyterian church of North Dakota, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Vance. Besides the members of the church and congregation a great many visitors were present from neighboring communities of which Hope was well represented. Many were the expressions of satisfaction and pleasure on seeing so beautiful, comfortable and commodious an edifice in a rural district.

The church is located south of Goose lake between Messrs Will and George Smiths' homes on a very fine site, from which place one can view the prosperous farms for many miles at all points of the compass.

The church can well congratulate itself on being able to dedicate so handsome a church home free from debt, and many thanks of hearty appreciation go out to the generous contributions from friends who so substantially assisted.

But there is one name that deserves mention above others. If it had not been for this man quite likely the church would not have been built, and certainly words cannot express the feeling of satisfaction and appreciation which the members of the church have towards this one member, who besides giving most generously financially has given a great deal of his time free for a year back in work on the building. There are few who would have exhibited finer taste in arranging and furnishing. The name of W. J. Smith should be remembered with appreciation while the church stands.

The new church and beautiful day had but one cloud to cast sadness over the little flock at Baldwin, and that was a cloud which rained bitter sadness in the hearts of all members, it was the thoughts of losing the beloved pastor, Rev. J. A. Vance, who has resigned to go to California on account of his family's health.